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## Contract notice

### Services

Directive 2014/24/EU

#### **Section I: Contracting authority**

##### **I.1) Name and addresses**

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NUTS code: UKM95

##### **Internet address(es):**

Main address: <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-international-development>  
Address of the buyer profile: <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-international-development/about/procurement>

##### **I.2) Information about joint procurement**

##### **I.3) Communication**

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at: <https://supplierportal.dfid.gov.uk/selfservice/>  
Additional information can be obtained from the abovementioned address  
Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via: <https://supplierportal.dfid.gov.uk/selfservice/>  
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##### **I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Ministry or any other national or federal authority, including their regional or local subdivisions

##### **I.5) Main activity**

Other activity: International Development Aid

#### **Section II: Object**

##### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

###### **II.1.1) Title:**

Skills for Jobs  
Reference number: PO 8117

###### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

75211200

###### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

###### **II.1.4) Short description:**

The UK's Department for International Development (DFID) intends to provide technical assistance for improving the delivery of skill development initiatives in India. The project plans to upgrade India's vocational training capacity in selected high demand sectors, resulting in up to 1 million people receiving better training and assessment. This will be delivered through significant international partnerships on skills development and contribute to improving the labour market for Indian and international firms including with the UK institutions.

**II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: 12 000 000.00 GBP

**II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: no

**II.2) Description**

**II.2.1) Title:**

**II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

**II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS code: UKM95

**II.2.4) Description of the procurement:**

Building on the achievements of the current DFID Skills for Jobs project, the UK plans to provide further Technical Assistance over the next four years (2018-2022) for a new skill development programme by supporting both public and private entities and building a skills ecosystem that sets standards and regulates quality.

The TA will help improve the skills ecosystem in India, propelling both the government led and private sector provision of skills training through sustained capacity building of skilling institutions, evidence based policy making, bringing in best practices, technology and innovation in systems and processes, support for communication, dissemination & stakeholder engagement and through promotion of institutional partnerships. The support is aimed at increasing the effectiveness and inclusiveness of skill development in India particularly through involvement of international agencies (including from the UK).

**II.2.5) Award criteria**

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

**II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: 8 000 000.00 GBP

**II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

Duration in months: 48

This contract is subject to renewal: no

**II.2.9) Information about the limits on the number of candidates to be invited**

Envisaged minimum number: 5

Maximum number: 6

**II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: no

**II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: yes

Description of options:

DFID will award a contract for an initial term of 48 months up to an initial contract value of 8 000 000 GBP. The contract will include extension options of up to an additional 24 months, in the event of which the contract value may increase up to a maximum value of 12 000 000 GBP. DFID reserves the right to scale back or discontinue

this programme at any point in line with the terms and conditions. DFID may also scale up the programme should it prove to be having a strong impact and has the potential to yield better results.

**II.2.12) Information about electronic catalogues**

**II.2.13) Information about European Union funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: no

**II.2.14) Additional information**

**Section III: Legal, economic, financial and technical information**

**III.1) Conditions for participation**

**III.1.1) Suitability to pursue the professional activity, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers**

List and brief description of conditions:

Mandatory and discretionary exclusion, economic and financial standing, technical and professional ability, UN Global Compact, modern slavery act 2015 requirements, minimum insurance requirements, skills and apprentices, tenderers past performance, effective policies and procedures, project specific questions, communications and branding, duty of care, international aid transparency initiative, acceptance of DFID terms and conditions and DFID statement of priorities and expectations /code of conduct, as outlined in document in the tender documentation.

A tenderer must meet the selection criterion in relation to reliability namely that DFID must be satisfied that.

i— the contracts on the list to be provided by the tenderer have been satisfactorily performed in accordance with their terms or,

ii— where that has not occurred, the reason or reasons why that has not occurred in relation to any such contract, will not recur in the performance of the contract to be awarded.

A tenderer that fails to meet this selection criterion will not proceed further in this competition.

The contract will be governed by English Law. Prices must be quoted in GBP. All payments for the contract will be made in GBP Sterling. DFID reserves the right to annul the process at any point and not award the contract.

Legal form to be taken by the grouping of economic operators to whom the contract is to be awarded - Joint and several liabilities. DFID reserves the right to require joint ventures to form a single legal entity.

**III.1.2) Economic and financial standing**

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

**III.1.3) Technical and professional ability**

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

**III.1.5) Information about reserved contracts**

**III.2) Conditions related to the contract**

**III.2.1) Information about a particular profession**

**III.2.2) Contract performance conditions:**

**III.2.3) Information about staff responsible for the performance of the contract**

Obligation to indicate the names and professional qualifications of the staff assigned to performing the contract

**Section IV: Procedure**

**IV.1) Description**

**IV.1.1) Type of procedure**

Restricted procedure

**IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system**

IV.1.4) **Information about reduction of the number of solutions or tenders during negotiation or dialogue**

IV.1.6) **Information about electronic auction**

IV.1.8) **Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)**

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: yes

IV.2) **Administrative information**

IV.2.1) **Previous publication concerning this procedure**

IV.2.2) **Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate**

Date: 01/08/2018

Local time: 12:00

IV.2.3) **Estimated date of dispatch of invitations to tender or to participate to selected candidates**

Date: 15/08/2018

IV.2.4) **Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted:**

English

IV.2.6) **Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender**

Duration in months: 6 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

IV.2.7) **Conditions for opening of tenders**

#### **Section VI: Complementary information**

VI.1) **Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: no

VI.2) **Information about electronic workflows**

Electronic payment will be used

VI.3) **Additional information:**

The Authority expressly reserves the right not to award any contract as a result of the procurement process commenced by publication of this notice and in no circumstances will the Authority be liable for any costs incurred by the candidates. Procurement documents can be accessed through the DFID Supplier portal(<https://supplierportal.dfid.gov.uk/selfservice/>).

VI.4) **Procedures for review**

VI.4.1) **Review body**

Gerry O'Connor, Department for International Development

Eaglesham Road

East Kilbride

G75 8EA

United Kingdom

VI.4.2) **Body responsible for mediation procedures**

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VI.4.3) **Review procedure**

VI.4.4) **Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained**

VI.5) **Date of dispatch of this notice:**

29/06/2018